selected from the group consisting of group 2 elements, transition elements, group 12 elements, group 13 elements and group 14 elements exclusive of carbon;

[contains a composite particle constructed such that at least part of a surface of a nuclear particle containing at least one of tin, silicon and zinc as a constituent element is coated with one of;

a solid solution, and

an inter-metallic compound,

which are composed of an element included in said nuclear particle and at least one element, exclusive of the element included in said nuclear particle, selected from a group of elements in a Periodic Table, comprising group 2 elements, transition elements, group 12 elements, group 13 elements and group 14 elements exclusive of carbon,]

[and] wherein said solid electrolyte is a polymer gel electrolyte.

4. (Amended) The non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery of one of claim 1 and claim 2 wherein said polymer is one of a polymer and a copolymer including at least one monomer selected from [a] the group [comprising] consisting of acrylonitrile, vinylidene fluoride, hexafluoro-propylene, tetrafluoro-ethylene, and perfluoro-alkyl vinyl ether.

5. (Amended) The non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery of one of claim 1 and claim 2, wherein said polymer is a polyester polymer whose [main] structure is one of polyester and a derivative of the same.

8. (Amended) A non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising;

a positive electrode and a negative electrode capable of intercalating and de-intercalating lithium;

a non-aqueous electrolyte solution; and

a solid electrolyte,

wherein said negative electrode includes a plurality of composite particles, each composite particle includes:

a central portion containing at least one of tin, silicon and zinc; and

a coating at least partially around said central portion, said coating including at least one of a solid solution and an inter-metallic compound containing a) at least one of tin, silicon and zinc, and b) at least one element selected from the group consisting of group 2 elements, transition elements, group 12 elements, group 13 elements and group 14 elements exclusive of carbon;

[contains a composite particle constructed such that at least part of a surface of a nuclear particle containing at least one of tin, silicon and zinc as a constituent element is coated with one of;

a solid solution, and

an inter-metallic compound,

which are composed of elements included in said nuclear particle and at least one element, exclusive of the element included in said nuclear particle, selected from a group of elements in a Periodic Table, comprising group 2 elements, transition elements, group 12 elements, group 13 elements and group 14 elements exclusive of carbon,]

[and] wherein said solid electrolyte is a lithium ion conductive glass-type solid electrolyte.